East Coast Railway Zone

5136. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to start the East Coast Railway Zone immediately;

(b) if so, by when Government are going to finalise the territorial jurisdiction; and

(c) what is the reason for reducing the Budget allocation of East Coast Railway Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, it is not possible to indicate any time frame right now.

(c) The entire issue of re-organisation is under review in the light of resource crunch presently faced by the Railways.

Easy access to Anand Vihar Railway Station

5137. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4262, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1998 and state:

(a) what progress has since been made by the Ministry to remove the blockade from the approach roads and settling the matter with civil authorities and concerned residents' association;

(b) whether Government would fix responsibility of the officials concerned for not taking appropriate action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's next course of action to ensure free and easy access to Anand Vihar Railway Station from Anand Vihar colony side?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) As there was no favourable response from the residents association, the Deputy Commissioner East District, Delhi, who is the Civil Authority concerned in this matter, has been requested to get the gates removed.